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Her Price Was Four-Power Treaty; Japanese Agreed When Guaranteed That U.S. Would Not Attack Nippon

consent to foreign entanglements or commitments. What had to be discovered then was some nega-tive understanding that is some

No Provision Made in Treaty for Use of Military Force, Says Simonds, Who Interprets Lodge's Speech as Part of Treaty-in That He Clearly Sets Forth the American Interpretations

By FRANK H. SIMONDS
WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The Paris conference had
no sooner closed its sessions than there began to emerge from every side that bewildering multitude of books upon the "secret" history, the "inside" story and the "real" truth of the negotiations which culminated in the treaty of Ver-No one can imagine that the aftermath of the Washington conference will be at all different, therefore there may be some interest now in setting down certain facts, no lenger challenged, but as yet lacking general public dissemnation-facts which must have value in estimating the exact circumstances of the present international gathering.

begin at the beginning, what the explanation of the calling is conference by an American dent? Two circumstances comdent? Two circumstances comdent of the Language of nations, Mr. Hughes had indicated that from the American point of view, the the explanation of the calling his conference by an American ident? Two circumstances complete to furnish the explanation, a summer an imperial conference was in session in London and in the point of view of the shington administration the main stim before this conference, of the self governing fractions of British empire was that of the newal or shrogation of the Anglo-sense treaty.

the to firmish the explanation, as summer an imperial conference with a minimum of view of the assignment of view of the assignment and initiation of existing strength of the Anglo-Japanese alliance were metalliance before this conference, of the self governing fractions of the same of the Anglo-Japanese alliance were more alliance were more self-self governing fractions of the same time the Anglo-Japanese alliance were more eliminated. And the chief trouble in all international gatherings is that no nation can get something for nothing. It was written in advance, therefore, that Mr. Hughes would have to pay and the real question was that the sum of his payments would be. We know the answer now the four party treaty covering the "resigns of the Pacific" represents exactly the price which Mr. Hughes and his government were forced to pay for the elimination of the Anglo-Japanese alliance. The effort to suggest that this four-party

sited States, Japan and Great grain for the purpose of arriving a some form of agreement which with the states of the sea. This Borah resolution was, too, as the weeks passed, elisting wider and wider national approval. It had become a fact spich no administration could wisely grore.

How it Started.

Now the sequence of events was the The United States quite discretions. The United States quite discretion is the British government that a grewal of the Anglo-Japanese alliques to obtain their way in other directions. The situation which had to be covered was the necessity that the British government that a grewal of the Anglo-Japanese alliques would be disagreeable, excessely disagreeable to the American people as represented in the Hardman p

imistakable. It is wash-ican anxiety was unfounded and the longer response to this wash-intimation was prompt and d. Directly, there came back the Japanese professed to be equally seed on that the single method. me fold. Directly, there came back as suggestion that the single method of avoiding a renewal of the alliuses was the calling of a conferme in Washington to consider Parific problems. Indirectly, the British position was made clear by its notable speech of Lloyd George, a which he said with almost blunt rankness that the British could not imprably scrap an alliance which ad heen profitable to them or drop in ally who had been loyal in a great war, merely because the alliuse was unpopular in a third sentry.

desired to get rid of the Anglo-Japanese alliance, the British were unwilling to drop it outright. But Lloyd George in this same speech suggested a way out by proposing a triple alliance, including Britain, Japan and the United States to replace the dual affair. To this neither Mr. Harding nor Mr. Hughes responded publicity, but there came from quarters which were recognized to be authorita-the, the definite intimation that

the Japanese emfire otherwise, where we recognized to be satisfacted with the square as emfire otherwise, and the way and was accepted. Pres. Entired the billing of the Angelo-Japanese has a way of the satisfacted with the square as the way out was accepted by the compromise for the Angelo-Japanese has the satisfacted with the square as the way out was accepted by the compromise for the Angelo-Japanese has the satisfacted with the square as the way out was accepted to the British of the Angelo-Japanese has the satisfacted by the British of the Angelo-Japanese has the satisfacted by the British of the Angelo-Japanese has the satisfacted by the British of the Angelo-Japanese has the satisfacted by the British of the Angelo-Japanese has the satisfacted by the British of the Angelo-Japanese has the satisfacted by the British of the Angelo-Japanese has the satisfacted by the British of the Angelo-Japanese has the satisfacted by the British of the Angelo-Japanese has the satisfacted by the British of the Angelo-Japanese has the satisfacted by the British of the Angelo-Japanese has the satisfacted by the British of the Angelo-Japanese has the satisfacted by the British of the Angelo-Japanese has the satisfacted by the British of the Angelo-Japanese has the satisfacted by the British of the Angelo-Japanese has the satisfacted by the British of the Angelo-Japanese has the Angelo-Japanese has the British of the Angelo-Japanese has the Angelo-Japanese has the British of the Angelo-Japanese has the Angelo-Japanese has the Angelo-Japanese has the Angelo-Japanese ha relect its own unquestioned rights centers about the difference in omion between America and thain as to the way to get rid of the Angio-Japanese alliance. We sat proposed that it be dropped. We are bound to be best satisfied if it are simply thrown overboard. The iritish had proposed that another likes be substituted. As for the Mance be substituted. As for the When the history of the making shator Lodge presented to the con-erence at the plenary session of december 19, is written, it will be ess that from November 12 to Deember 9, when the agreement was hally struck between the four nations, the battle was waged between we thesis, that of the British for a dilance, that of the Americans or a free will scrapping of the alliance as an evidence of friendliness. When Mr. Balfour came to Washaston, be prought if not an actual sion, he brought, if not an actual raft, a very clear view of the seement which his country detail to have substituted for the falle-japanese niliance and this ewenvisaged something which as very close to an actual three-wer alliance, the thing suggestive by Lloyd George in his memority speech of the summer. When I speech of the summer. When I hughes went into the conferunce, he carried with him the fore-owledge that the United States and accept no alliance and the

difficult, it was quite as difficult as that of Mr. Wilson at Paris because, like Mr. Wilson, he had

ficially a graceful recognition of French prestige as a great power, but on the other hand it was a concession to American insistence that the presence of France was necessary, if the treaty was to be put through the United States senate, for otherwise the Ameri-can representatives in the conference would seem to have been out-generaled and brought into an arrangement in which two former allies would certainly outvote and overbear them.

overbear them.

Keeping in mind this treaty, one may interpret the four power treaty quite exactly. But in interpreting it one must bear in mind always the one must bear in mind always the explanation of why it was made. America asked, specifically, definitely, frankly, that the Anglo-Japanese siliance be eliminated. Britain and Japan accepted in principle the proposal that it be eliminated, but demanded in return that they have certain benefits which they desires and which they felt represented a reasonable compensation for the sacrifice which was asked of them. Now the main compensation which the United States has conceded is to Japanese prestige and Japanese occurity. We have undertaken to respect the rights of the Japanese in the case of their insular possessions and insular dominions in the region of the Pacific ocean. And To satisfy Japan, there had to be found some form of insurance. That insurance could not be had in a treaty of actual alliance since the fate of the tripartite agreement guaranteeing France well demonstrated the fact that the United States senate would not consent to foreign contanglements. sessions and insular dominions in the region of the Pacific ocean. And this means, despite a certatin vagueness in phrase and lack of clarity in explanation, not only the Japanese colonies, but the Japanese homelands, it does not cover any Japanese rights or claims on the mainland of Asia, but it does cover all of the Japanese empire otherwise.

Again for Japan.

This represents a concession to the Japanese desire for security. It solemn and binding agreement on the part of the United States not to do something and that some-thing was obviously to attack Jatered here. Mr. Hughes and his associates put all their cards upon the table, as they had to do. They said in substance that they desired the elimination of the Anglo-Japanese alliance and they met the sug-

desire for security. It ernment

selve with an alliance in being which had little present and no fature value, but was, while it lasted of such great annoyance to their American neighbor that this neighbor was ready to pay to remove it. They found, too, that their British ally, who desired the removal of the alliance, because it was a bar to Anglo-American friendship was on the whole prepared to help his ally in obtaining as good a price as possible, because the British soughtbeyond all else the closest possible, because the British soughtbeyond all else the closest possible association with the Americans.

New it is in the light of all those circumstances which I have recapitulated, that the four-power pact must be considered the speech made by him in his speech and this circumstances which I have recapitulated, that the four-power pact must be considered the speech made by him in his speech and this circumstances which I have recapitulated, that the four-power pact must be considered the speech made by him in his speech and this circumstances which I have recapitulated.

Henceforth the single question for our representatives was to keep such an agreement within the spirit and tradition of our foreign policy and within the very restricted limits within which it might be possible to ensist sufficient support in the United States to achieve ratification. And the real battle of the first month of the conference was rot and the real battle of the first month of the conference was not over naval ratios, although it seemed so, it was not even over Chinese questions, although they occupied far more attention in the public press; it was almost excluspublic press; it was almost exclusively over the Anglo-Japanese al-liance and the possible substitute therefor. The proof of this lies in the fact that whereas four weeks were consumed in reaching agree-ment over the four-party treaty, announcement of Anglo-Japanese-American accord over all naval issues came within three days aft-er the question of the treaties

on helieved that the menace one lay in the Anglo-Japanese and realized that no naval cent was even remotely con-cie, while that alliance stood.

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